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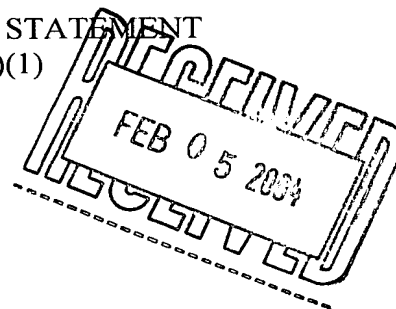
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.97(c) and (e)(1)

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Sir:



The Examiner's attention is directed to the references which are listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A and/or PTO/SB/08B and copies of which are attached. Citation of these references is respectfully requested.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(c) and (e)(1), the undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart Japanese application not more than three months prior to the filing hereof. Copies of the Japanese office action and English translation are enclosed.

No concession is made that these documents are prior art, and Applicant expressly reserves the right to antedate the documents as may be appropriate.

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NOTIFICATION OF REASONS FOR REFUSAL

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Reasons

1. Since the invention for the following claims of this application is something that could have been invented easily by a person possessing the ordinary knowledge in the field of technology to which that invention pertains prior to this application, based on the inventions described in the following publications that were disseminated in Japan or in foreign countries prior to this application or inventions that could have been used by the public through telecommunication lines, it cannot receive a patent due to the provisions of Article 29, Clause 2 of the Patent Law.

2. Since the invention for the following claims of this application is the same as the inventions described in the specifications or figures that were originally attached to the requests of the following patent applications, the latter being patent applications prior to the application date of this application that were published as unexamined patent applications after this application, and moreover the inventor of this application is not the same as the persons who invented the above-described inventions for the patent applications prior to this application, and in addition that applicant is also not the same as the applicants of the above-mentioned patent applications, at the time of this application, it cannot receive a patent due to the provisions of Article 29 (2) of the Patent Law.

(Listed reference of cited documents, etc. for the cited documents, etc.)

(Concerning Reason 1)

* Concerning Claims 1 to 9/Cited Document 1

The fact that the device is equipped with two speakers, and the playback of music or telephonic communication is carried out, has been described in Cited Document 1.

(Concerning Reason 2)

* Concerning Claims 1 to 9/Cited Documents 2 and 3

An invention that is identical to the invention for this application has been described in Cited Documents 2 and 3.

Notification of the reasons for refusal will be provided in the event that new reasons for refusal are discovered.

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List of Cited Documents

1. The CD-ROM of Application for Utility Model Registration No. H03-60730 (Publication of Unexamined Utility Model Registration No. H05-6958)
2. Patent Application No. H11-363458 (Publication of Unexamined Patent Application No. 2001-177609)
3. Patent Application No. 2000-291200 (Publication of Unexamined Patent Application No. 2002-101171)

Record of the Results of the Prior Art Document Search

* Technical field searched	IPC 7 th edition	H04M1/00 – 1/253
		H04M1/58 – 1/62
		H04M1/66 – 1/82

* Prior art documents

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